Bridge over river Yamuna

1105. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL : Will the Minister of URABN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether considering the difficulties being experienced by people who regularly commute between the NOIDA Complex and South Delhi, Government purpose to construct a bridge over the river Yamuna for their use ; and

(b) if so, by when could the construction of the bridge commence; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) In the draft revised Master Plan for Delhi two bridges have been indicated, connecting South Delhi with NOIDA. One is a road bridge which is the extension of road 13-A coming from Okhla Industrial Estate. The second is rail bridge connecting NOIDA in South Delhi near Tughlakabad Marshalling Yard.

(b) The draft revised Master Plan is yet to be approved and as such no time schedule can be given for construction of the bridges.

Reduction in size and outlay of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1106. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received regarding the reduction in the outlay and size of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter and what is the present size and outlay of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant fixed by the Central Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government have prepared a scheme for the rehabilitation of the persons to be displaced by the setting up of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C.PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Rationalised Revised Concept for implementation of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Project at an estimated cost of about Rs. 6000 crores, as against the Revised Cost Estimate of about Rs. 7500 crores for the already approved concept as per first quarter, 1985 prices,is under consideration of the Government.

The Rationalised Revised Project Concept envisages no change in the hot metal capacity of the Plant. However, there will be a marginal reduction in liquid steel capacity from 3-4 million tonnes to 3-0 million tonnes per annum. This would lead to the saleable steel capacity being reducing from 2.983 million tonnes to 2.656 million tonnes per annum, and an increase in pig iron for sale from 2.15 lakh tonnes per annum to 5.70 lakh tonnes per annum. Thus saleable iron and steel from the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Project would increase from an earlier anticipated level of 3.198 million tonnes to 3.226 million tonnes.

(c) In a sophisticated steel plant like VSP the scope for employment is limited. According to an estimate recently prepared by VSP the maximum employment in VSP including manpower required for township, mines etc. would be of the order of 15,000. In order to offer maximum opportunities to the displaced persons VSP has agreed to onsider a total employment of 5,000 displaced persons subject to availability of suitable candidates. Till June 1986, 1473 dis-